

LSU AgCenter's
Ornamental Horticulture
E-Mail Update
January 18 / 25, 2010



*topics and events of nursery, landscape and floriculture
interest to Louisiana's green industry*

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for January 18, 2010 – 'Versa' Coleus
(from Allen Owings)**

The Versa series coleus is new from PanAmerican Seed/Ball Horticulture. This is a seed-propagated coleus. Adapted for sun or shade. We grew the cultivars in our shade garden landscape trials at the LSU AgCenter's Hammond Research Station in 2009. This series is three weeks later to flower than the popular Wizard series. Cultivars available are Burgundy to Green, Crimson Gold, Green Halo, Lime, Rose to Lime, and Watermelon. Here is height data for these plants in July 2009.

Burgundy to Green – 32"
Crimson Gold – 26"
Green Halo – 20"
Lime – 28"
Rose to Lime – 24"
Watermelon – 24"



Also try Chocolate Splash, Chocolate Mint and Dark Chocolate.

**Ornamental Plant of the Week for January 25, 2010 – 'Illusion'
Ornamental Sweet Potatoes (from Allen Owings)**



The Illusion ornamental sweet potatoes were great performers in our LSU AgCenter landscape trials in 2009. Cultivars are Emerald Lace (pictured) and Midnight Lace. Smaller growth habit. Fine-textured foliage. Less tuber production. Both were excellent performers. These are available from EuroAmerican Propagators/Proven Winners.

Sustainable Landscape News (from John Young, Dan Gill and Allen Owings)

A Review of Mulch – January 15

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Reviewing-the-use-of-landscape-mulch.htm

Gardening Styles and Cultural Considerations – January 11

http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/communications/news/headline_news/Match-your-gardening-styles-to-your-site.htm

Ball FloraPlant Herbaceous Plant Landscape Trial Results – 2009 (from Allen Owings)

Landscape evaluation observations were taken on new plants from Ball FloraPlant in 2009. Here is the completed report from LSU AgCenter work at the Hammond Research Station.

Top Performers

Coleus – Henna (also above-average performer in 2008)

Coleus – Indian Summer (also above-average performer in 2008)

Petunia – Sun Spun Silver

Above-average Performers

Coleus – Trusty Rusty

Coleus – Red Head

Coleus – Mint Mocha (also above-average performer in 2008)

Coleus – Aurora Black Cherry

Calibrachoa – Cabaret Red Improved

Euphorbia – Breathless Blush

Euphorbia – Breathless White

Lantana – Landmark Sunrise Rose Improved

Lantana – Lucky Pure Gold

Petunia – Sun Spun Burgundy

Petunia – Sun Spun Red

Scaevola – Blue Print

Petunia – Suncatcher Burgundy

Petunia – Suncatcher Purple Rose

Petunia – Suncatcher Red

Average Performers

Alternanthera – Crème de Menthe

Alternanthera – Grenadine

Coleus – Aurora Peach
Coleus – Aurora Raspberry
Coleus – Aurora Mocha
Calibrachoa – Can Can Apricot
Calibrachoa – Can Can Mocha
Calibrachoa – Can Can Orange
Calibrachoa – Can Can Strawberry
Gaura – Ballerina Blush
Gaura – Ballerina Rose
Impatiens – Celebrette Cherry Stripe
Impatiens - Celebrette Appleblossom Improved
Impatiens – Celebrette Lavender Improved
Osteospermum - Voltage Yellow
Argyranthemum – Madeira Crested Ivory
Argyranthemum – Madeira Red
Petunia – Suncatcher Yellow

Below Average Performers

Petunia – Sun Spun Yellow

Southern Living Spring 2010 Plant Collection

The Southern Living Plant Collection has announced a range of exciting, new plant offerings for the spring 2010 season. Highlights include earlier blooming Early Bird crape myrtles, brighter-hued Flirt and Obsession nandinas, vibrant Vogue mandevillas, lush Cleopatra lirioppe and more.

From flowering shrubs and trees to annuals, grasses and bulbs, the plant offerings are designed to excel in the lawns and gardens of the South, according to Kip McConnell, director of Plant Development Services, Inc.

Shrubs

- Flirt nandina
- Obsession nandina

Trees

- Early Bird early-blooming crape myrtles
- Red-leafed Delta Jazz crape myrtle

Groundcovers/Grasses

- Marc Anthony variegated lirioppe
- Cleopatra lirioppe

Annuals/Perennials

- Princess Blush verbena PP#11911

- Princess Dark Lavender verbena PP#11951
- Mandevilla Vogue Sophia PPAF
- Mandevilla Vogue Vivian PPAF
- Pentas Stars & Stripes

Bulbs

- Zephyranthes Pink Rain lily
- Ellen Bosanquet crinum

The collection is available through retail garden centers across the Southeast. For more information about any of the exciting new releases from the Southern Living Plant Collection, please visit www.southernlivingplants.com.

Commercial Ornamental Horticulture Events Upcoming



January 21-23, 2010

Gulf States Horticultural Expo
Arthur Outlaw Convention Center
Mobile, Ala.
www.gshe.org

February 5-7, 2010

LA Native Plant Society Annual Meeting
Pollock, La.
www.lnps.org

February 18, 2010

LA Irrigation Association Re-certification
LSU AgCenter, Avoyelles Parish Office
Mansura, La.
Contact Severn Doughty at
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February 23, 2010

Landscape Pest Management Workshop
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
Contact Allen Owings at
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March 9-10, 2010

Greenhouse Tomato Short Course
Eagle Ridge Conference Center
Raymond, Miss.
www.greenhousetomatosc.com
Contact Rick Snyder at
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March 11-12, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
Burden Center
Baton Rouge, La.
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March 14-17, 2010

Azalea Society of America
National Convention
New Orleans, La.
Contact Regina Bracy at
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March 20, 2010

Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research
Annual Meeting and Plant Release
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center
Lafayette, La.

March 24-25, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Bossier City, La.
www.lpca.org

March 25, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
Keeling Irrigation
Shreveport, La.
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May 20, 2010

Landscape Horticulture Field Day
Hammond Research Station
Hammond, La.
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May 25-27, 2010

La State Horticulture Society Tour
Lower Miss./Mobile, Ala./Milton, Fla.
Contact Allen Owings at
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June 17-18, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
ULL Horticulture Center
Lafayette, La.
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September 2, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
ArkLaTex Gardens
Shreveport, La.
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September 16-17, 2010

Certified Nursery Professional Training
City Park Botanical Garden
New Orleans, La.
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October 6-7, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Lafayette, La.
www.lpca.org

November 17-18, 2010

Ornamental and Turfgrass Pesticide
Applicator Re-certification and Certification
Testing
Kenner, La.
www.lpca.org

November 18, 2010

NW La Nursery Association Meeting
Location TBA
Shreveport, La.
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February 26, 2011

NW La Nursery Association Tour
SFA Arboretum
Nacogdoches, Texas
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**Spring Garden Shows and Related
Events – 2010****February 21, 2010**

Camellia Garden Stroll
Hammond, La.
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March 13, 2010

Spring Garden Day
Hammond, La.
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March 19-21, 2010

Louisiana Nursery Festival
Forest Hill, La.
www.louisiananurseryfestival.com

March 20-21, 2010

Northshore Garden Show
Fairgrounds
Covington, La.
Contact Rusty Batty at
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March 27-28, 2010

11th Annual SW LA Garden Fest
Burton Coliseum
Lake Charles, La.
www.gardenfest.org
Contact Robert Turley at
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March 27-28, 2010

Baton Rouge Spring Garden Show
Parker Coliseum
Baton Rouge, La.
Contact David Himelrick at
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April 10-11, 2010

New Orleans Spring Garden Show
Botanical Garden at City Park
New Orleans, La.
Contact Brent Jeansonne at
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May 1, 2010

Bonne Terre Garden Fair
Location TBA
Houma, La.
Contact Barton Joffrion at
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May 8, 2010

21st Annual Festival des Fleurs
ULL – Blackham Coliseum
Lafayette, La.
Contact Billy Welsh at welsh@louisiana.edu

June 5, 2010

Daylily Festival
Abbeville, La.
Contact Stuart Gauthier at
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Arborist Workshops – 2010

Contact Hallie Dozier at
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January 22, 2010 – Shreveport
First Aid and CPR

April 16, 2010 – Shreveport
Aerial Lift Safety

May 7, 2010 – Farmerville
Hazard/Danger Tree Cutting and Felling

July 30, 2010 – New Orleans
Bringing Business Your Way

August 6, 2010 – Shreveport
Tree Roots: Structures and Remediation

September 10, 2010 – Hammond
High Angle and Emergency Response

October 1, 2010 – New Orleans
Tree Climbing, Fall Protection

November 12, 2010 – Pollock
Tree Detectives

January 14, 2011 – Baton Rouge
Trees, People and the Law